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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on April 5, 2007.

An Interview Summary (PTOL-413 form) was mailed April 19, 2007.

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: None.
2. Identification of claims discussed: All pending claims.
3. Identification of art discussed: The applied art of record, *e.g.*, U.S. Patent No. 4,500,423 ("Krug"), U.S. Patent No. 7,022,221 ("Hedrick '221"), U.S. Patent No. 4,933,150 ("Haddad"), and U.S. Application Publication No. 2002/0094313 ("Lu"), was discussed, in a general sense.
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: The principal proposed amendments that were discussed concerned the choice of terminology used in the claims to clarify the design of baffle sets arranged within an apparatus for stripping hydrocarbons.

5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: The applied art of record, whether alone or in combination, does not teach or suggest the claimed sets of baffles.

6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: None.

7. Results of Interview: Applicants proposed terminology to be used in the claims to clarify the design of baffle sets arranged within the apparatus for stripping hydrocarbons.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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